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Plans gearing up for Grassy Waters Festival

Committee members are making plans for the Grassy Waters Festival & Car Show to be held Saturday, Nov. 22.

The committee meets the third Monday of each month at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce to plan for the event. Co-chairs Shirley Ingram and Ken Schenck invite those who wish to support the festival to join the group on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

The theme for this year's festival is "Pahokee's Pioneering Success." The festival will also celebrate Pahokee's 75th Birthday. This festival will also feature the first certified 5-K Walk/Run and chairs for that committee include Larry West and Linda Brown.

For more information about the Grassy Waters Festival & Car Show, call the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce at 924-5579.

Everglades Regional offers bereavement support group

A Bereavement Support Group meets weekly at Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahokee.

For more information call Sandy Choate at 924-5201, extension 5142.

Bayfest '97 committee meetings

The Bayfest '97 committee meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at South Bay City Hall.

Chairperson Milranda Smith encourages any South Bay residents who would like to participate to attend the meetings. Bayfest '97 will be held October 25. For additional information, residents can call South Bay City Hall at 996-6751.

Home repairs offered to the needy

Life Builders, a Men's Ministry, is offering repairs to the needy. If anyone has a home or car that needs repair and they are unable to do so, please call 924-7284 or 996-0508. Life Builders says this service is especially offered to widowed women in the Glades who are unable to do this type of work and are in need of these services.

Bereavement Support Group offered in Belle Glade

Hospice of Palm Beach County is offering bereavement support for local residents. Anyone who is having a difficult time dealing with the death of an important person in their life, struggling with loneliness and a changing social role, is invited to attend.

The support group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Golden Glades Hospice Office, located at 125 S.E. Avenue E, Belle Glade (behind insurance company/Children's Home Society). Parking is available at Bank of Belle Glade.

For further information call 996-1285.

Recovery Group meets at Good Shepherd Church of God

A Christ-centered recovery group meets every Monday evening at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome. The church is located at 1800 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee.

City to change time of commission meetings

Commissioners agreed at the Monday night commission meeting to begin the process to change the time of the twice monthly commission meetings.

Currently held at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month, commissioners voted Monday, Aug. 25 to move the time back to 7 p.m.

The new time will begin with the October 13 regular meeting.

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HEAVY EQUIPMENT is being used to remove Australian Pines, Melaleuca, and Brazilian Pepper trees along the Lake Okeechobee Rim Canal by the Corps of Engineers. The project is a joint partnership between the Corps of Engineers, the Future American Corporation, and the Department of Corrections.

Corps removing exotic trees from levee

By Tracy Whirls

Clewiston News

In what Corps of Engineers officials describe as a "win-win" situation for the Corps, the government, prison industries, and a new logging technology, the Corps of Engineers has entered into a volunteer agreement with Future American Corporation and the Department of Corrections to remove Australian Pines, Melaleuca, and Brazilian Pepper from the levee from Clewiston to Pahokee.

"It's not costing the government anything. We're getting rid of exotic species on the levee at no cost using a volunteer agreement and challenge cost-sharing agreement with the Department of Corrections," said Karen Estock, Chief of Operations and Redness at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office in Clewiston. "As I see it, it's a win-win situation for the Corps, the environment and the prisoners. The government is saving money, the state is putting pris-

oners to work. We'll save well over \$1.2 million a year."

Charles Prout of Future American Corporation has brought in a logging firm from Perry, Florida which is using new technology to cut and chip the trees on the dike itself. The chipped wood will then be used as boiler fuel for Okeelanta and Osceola power plants to generate electricity and steam for their sugar operations. The logging phase of the program, which began Aug. 1, is expected to continue through October as the loggers clear approximately 122 miles per day. The plan calls for 40 miles of the levee from Clewiston to Pahokee to be cleared.

"It's not hurting the integrity of the levee removing trees. The Australian Pines get to be 80 feet tall and they have very shallow roots, which makes them hazardous due to high winds. The government used to have a program topping them, but it was discontinued," Ms. Estock said.

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Mental Health and Sheriff's Dept. golf tournament to benefit children

West County Mental Health Clinic and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will host their annual "Steve Haller Memorial Tee-off for Kids Golf Tournament" on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the children's programs of the clinic and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 611.

The tournament is a 4-person scramble format. Registration fees of \$40 includes 18-holes of golf, green and cart fees, an on course lunch, door prizes and a gift bag. Some lucky player may win a

new Buick Lesabre; courtesy of Steve Moore of Belle Glade, if they make a hole-in-one on a designated hole. Other prizes include weekend getaways, golf equipment, dinners and free rounds of golf.

Golfers may register by calling the golf course at 996-6605.

The committee is also asking for support in the form of tee and cart sponsorships or prizes. Anyone who would like to support this effort is asked to contact Joseph Amato at 992-1330 or Sgt. John Raulerson or Det. George Peck at 996-1670.



THE STEVE HALLER MEMORIAL TEE-OFF FOR KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. Proceeds from the event will benefit the children's programs of the West County Mental Health Clinic and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 611. Pictured, from left, are organizers Dr. Edna Garcia, Joseph Amato, Skip Albertson with Steve Moore Chevrolet, Ken Schenck, Irene Clay and Sgt. John Raulerson.

Last G.C.I. escapee captured in Mexico

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

After being on the run for two and one-half years, convicted murderer Juan Jesus Fleitas is again behind bars.

Fleitas, one of six inmates who escaped from Glades Correctional Institution in January of 1995, was arrested by Mexican authorities in the Yucatan region following a home invasion robbery. "Fleitas is a dangerous criminal, and we're thankful he's been caught," said Florida Department of Law Enforcement Regional Director Doyle Jordan. "Our manhunt for this violent fugitive is over."

Fleitas and five other prisoners, all of whom were serving life sentences for first-degree murder, escaped on Jan. 2, 1995. The group escaped by digging a tunnel beneath a prison chapel and then fleeing outside a perimeter fence at the facility.

One of the prisoners, Felix Carbonell, was recaptured within an hour of the escape. The others, Florencio Alvarez and Armando Junco were located



Juan Jesus Fleitas

at a Miami squatters camp on Jan. 10, 1995. Alvarez was recaptured and Junco was killed. The next day Hector Rivas was caught in Miami and a day later, Jesus Martinez was also nabbed in Miami.

Fleitas was serving a life sentence at GCI after he broke into a home and murdered a college student.

FDLE, the Department of Justice, and other state and federal agencies are working to bring Fleitas back to Miami. FBI Special Agent in Charge Paul R. Phillips said, "This brings a successful conclusion to one of the most intensive fugitive manhunt for an escaped prisoner in recent

Everglades Restoration remains on schedule

Everglades restoration can proceed on schedule thanks to a landmark compromise between water managers and International Technology Corp., the low bidder for the first two stormwater treatment areas, IT Corp. Vice President and General Counsel James G. Kirk said Friday, Aug. 15.

IT Corp.'s action also protects the program in which the South Florida Water Management District seeks to include women and minority-owned businesses in construction work, Kirk added.

The Pittsburgh-based corporation agreed voluntarily to limit its appeals avenues in its challenge of the District's selection of higher-priced bidders for the Everglades work, Kirk said. Instead, it will embark on an expedited administrative hearing to show that district staff applied arbitrary, hyper-technical standards to award the contract to the higher bidders, whose minority participation is suspect at best, according to Kirk.

"It is nothing short of remarkable when a petitioner agrees to put his constitutional rights aside," Kirk said. "But IT Corp. is confident that a fair hearing before an administrative law judge will expose the irregularities applied by district staff and result in the best result for the Everglades and the citizens of Florida," Kirk said.

Kirk noted that just last week, on Aug. 5, IT Corp. was honored by the U.S. Department of Defense for its "extensive outreach efforts to small businesses seeking subcontracting opportunities in the Defense Department's environmental restoration program." With three offices in Florida, IT Corp. has been doing business in Florida for 25 years.

IT Corp. currently is engaged in more than \$1 million worth of work for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. In Dade County, IT is performing a \$10 million job on the Dade County Landfill and Gas Recovery Closure near Homestead Air Base. The minority goal on that job was

27 percent; IT Corp. has produced a 76 percent minority job.

As IT pursues the administrative remedy with the Water Management District, Everglades restoration remains on schedule because of the time frame for construction of STA-1W and STA-2 was written in anticipation of such a 90-day challenge, Kirk added.

Among irregularities cited by IT Corp. in the District's review of the bids:

- District staff found non-compliance with its Minority/Women Business Enterprise program because IT provided its mailing list of 531 minority contractors contacted, and a copy of the letter each received, instead of including copies of all 531 letters with its bid package.

- The higher bidders made minimal effort to solicit minority businesses; indeed both merely signed one or two sub-contractors to an unspecified scope of work with a price that happened to equal the quota requirements.

- One subcontractor claimed status as "Lower Creek Muscogee Indian," which is not a "federally recognized Indian Tribe" as required by the District's own rules.

- Another subcontractor proposes to perform more than \$2 million for "earthwork," yet it never completed any contract greater than \$28,000 and has no identifiable equipment suitable for such work.

- The district did not follow the recommendations of its own minority staff that it commissioned in the effort to justify its program. For example, the district did not set separate goals for women and minorities.

As part of the compromise reached between IT Corp. and the South Florida Water Management District, IT Corp. will not appeal if the administrative law judge recommends awarding contracts to the higher bidders. IT Corp. may appeal if the recommended order awards the work to IT Corp., but the governing board awards the work to another bidder, Kirk said.



Honored for a 50 year commitment...The Schlechter family of Belle Glade was presented the "Legacies to Grow On" plaque by Farm Credit of South Florida last week. Shown, from left are Mike Schlechter, John Schlechter and Carl Dubose, senior vice president of lending for Farm Credit of South Florida.

Schlechter family accepts "Legacies to Grow On" plaque

The Schlechter family of Belle Glade was honored last week by Farm Credit of South Florida for over 50 years as pioneer member-borrowers.

Other longtime Glades residents who also received the honor in April at the annual Farm Credit dinner included the Wedgworth family, the Boynton family, the Roth and Stein families.

John O. Schlechter, a third generation farmer in the Glades, continues to farm the land settled by his grandparents, who perished in the 1928 hurricane.

John owns and runs the farming sales and service operation.

his father, Walter Schlechter, started many years ago. Farm Credit presented a plaque to Mr. Schlechter on Aug. 21 at his business, Everglades Farm Equipment, located on SR 715. The "Legacies to Grow On" plaque is in appreciation to the Schlechter family for "giving Farm Credit of South Florida the privilege of serving your family through the generations."

John and Mike Schlechter, one of his four sons, accepted the award from Carl Dubose, Senior Vice President of Lending for Farm Credit.

"The loyalty of these families to Farm Credit has insured not

only our success in the past but also that we will remain here to serve the future generations of farmers and ranchers of South Florida," says William E. "Billy" Bowman, Jr., chairman of the board of Farm Credit of South Florida, and a dairy cattle farmer in central Palm Beach County.

Mr. Schlechter has received many honors including the Agri-Industrial Man of the Year award and the Glades Day School "Fan of the Year" award. He and his wife, Eleanor, are the parents of four sons; Ken, Bill, Mike and Tom and they have six grandchildren.

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"We see it opening up the viewing area of the lake," Ms. Estock said, noting that the Corps is planning to establish camp sites and rest stations along the levee as part of the Florida National Scenic Trail.

"The other benefit to this is navigation. Trees falling down into the rim canal and the lake prevent navigation and are hazardous," she said.

Beginning in a week or so, prisoners from the state department of corrections fac-

ilities in Moore Haven and Okeechobee will begin cleaning up stumps, limbs and other debris. The prisoners will also be employed to clear the Brazilian Peppers, which because it is a bush, cannot be processed by the loggers.

Mr. Prout hopes to eventually extend his joint venture with the Department of Corrections to set up a mulch bagging operation and perhaps a furniture factory. Such partnerships between the depart-

ment of corrections and private industry were made possible by legislation passed in 1994 creating the Prison Industry Enhancement Program, which allows the department of corrections enter into partnerships with private businesses to employ inmates as it doesn't compete with existing private industry or replace local jobs, according to James A. McLeod of the Department of Corrections in Tallahassee.

"It gives inmates the opportunity to be productive, and learn job skills. Inmates have to be paid minimum wage, so the state is able to deduct expenses for their custody and care, restitution for their victims, child support and they are able to save money for their release," Mr. McLeod said. "It also allows businesses just getting started to get a start."

In the third phase of the plan, Corps of Engineers employees will treat Melaleuca stumps to prevent their regrowth and devise a management plan for the levee including revegetment of the levee to cut down wave action on the dike, and possibly planting Pond Apple or cypress trees that are native to the area.

The logging operation is the mechanical part of the corps integrated system to remove exotic plants, which also employs biological controls (such as the recently released snout beetle) and herbicidal controls to combat exotic species.

According to the Florida Weed Alert released by the Department of Environmental Protection, Australian Pines Melaleuca and Brazilian Pepper pose a threat to the ecosystem of the Everglades.



Glades PATCH (Planned Approach to Community Health) welcomed guests from the Youth Eagle Academy recently. From left are: Elizabeth Hernandez, vice president of PATCH; Sheriff Robert Neumann, Joe Amato, president of PATCH; and Paul Miles, superintendent of the Youth Eagle Academy.

Sheriff Neumann speaks to Glades PATCH group

Members of the Glades PATCH (Planned Approach to Community Health) welcomed Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert Neumann and Paul Miles from the Youth Eagle Academy recently.

Sheriff Neumann talked about the Youth Eagle Academy, which is in Belle Glade. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is the first of its kind that provides for a decision-making process and life skills experiences specifically designed for at risk youth boys between the ages of 13 and 16.

Through the Eagle Academy

experience, the Sheriff's Office offers youth in Palm Beach County a chance to experience a challenging residential environment of unlimited professional and personal growth. The Eagle Academy is a residential, 100-bed facility staffed by law enforcement and professional staff. The program services consists of Phase 1, which is a military model in self-esteem and team building; Phase 2 is persona growth, life skills training and vocational and educational skills development; Phase 3 is an after care follow-up process.

Each phase is a three month process with an overall mission to change youth behavior and criminal involvement in the community, at school and/or in the home. This is a partnership with the Palm Beach County School Board and West Technical Education Center. The Eagle was a name selected by students which stands for: Endeavor, Always to Grow, Learn and Enhance.

For additional information you may contact the Youth Eagle Academy at 992-1074.



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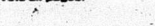
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STEP 4

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STEP 5

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Note: If you make a mistake return your ballot card and obtain another.

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HEALTH WATCH

Creatures of habit...good or bad?

By Paula Swaford, R.N.

Human beings are creatures of habit. It is easy for people not involved to sit back and judge others on their behaviors and habits. A prime example is non-smokers. Most people who have stopped smoking by whatever method they have chosen, sometimes have a difficult time understanding how anyone can continue to smoke. Because they chose to modify their habit and change their behavior, it's hard to understand why everyone else doesn't do the same. If you think about it...we all have our own particular quirks and special ways of doing things.

What is your morning ritual? Does the coffee have to be ready when your feet hit the floor? Do you shower at night before bed

or in the morning to wake up? Are you a "breakfast person" or do you try to make it till noon without food and find yourself out of energy by 10 o'clock? What about the way you drive the car? How did you learn that behavior and are you willing to try to improve your techniques? What do you make your priorities at work? Do you spend much of your day trying to get organized or feel like you're going in circles, being pulled 20 different directions all day long? Or you may be extremely organized and have your days planned for weeks ahead of time. How do you handle interruptions or changes in the schedule? Is your flexibility tested frequently?

And at night...what habits do



Paula Swaford, R.N.

you display about bedtime activities? I have to confess that if someone took away my "hugging" pillow, I would find it very difficult to sleep. When did I develop that habit? Am I willing to give it up? I don't think so. But let's look at a more

destructive habit, like eating late at night, for instance. Many folks were raised to eat supper at 5 or 5:30 p.m. and by 9 or 10 p.m. at night found themselves with the "munchies." Craving a "bed-time snack" is detrimental not only to your "fat cells," but also to your entire digestive system. Mom used to say if you ate late at night, you would have nightmares. I don't know how much medical sense that made, but I suspect that she just didn't want me to dirty up any more dishes!

The habits and rituals of our lives are usually developed in our childhoods. All you parent out there, listen up. The habits you display for your children will possibly be carried forward

into their adult lives. Whether those are good habits, like brushing your teeth after each time you eat, or bad habits like drinking alcohol, taking drugs or smoking, your children pick up and mimic everything you do early on. If you don't believe me, watch your children and grandchildren "play house." Listen to what they say and how they say it. Watch the little girls "discipline" their little dolls; does what they say sound like what YOU say when you discipline them? This can be a very scary thing to watch.

As time goes by, our lives become more and more infused and ingrained with our particular habits. This is not necessarily a good thing or a bad thing, just a fact of life. I suppose

what I'm trying to say is be aware of your habits. Try to rid your life of the detrimental ones and strive to continue to develop the beneficial ones. Always keep in mind, that everything you do or say is being watched and copied by many others. Take Michael Jordan's problem with gambling a few years ago. He didn't view it as a problem or habit for himself, but everyone who looked up to him as a role model and example was somewhat disappointed in his actions. Did he change his habits or modify his behavior? We haven't heard much in the press recently, so apparently he did.

Until next time, stay informed and stay healthy.

How educated are chiropractors?

By Bernard Stern, D.C.

Most people know that chiropractors are doctors and that in the State of Florida, chiropractors are licensed as Chiropractic Physicians. However, many people are unaware of the extensive education and licensing requirements a chiropractor must complete in order to become a primary care provider.

There are more than 40,000 doctors of chiropractic practicing in the United States alone, treating millions of Americans each year.

Chiropractic is the third largest doctoral level health profession in the United States, after medicine and dentistry. Chiropractic care is a safe, effective and affordable health care, hands on health care with-

out the use of drugs or surgery. Doctors of chiropractic are licensed to practice in all 50 states and in many nations around the world.

To be accepted at a chiropractic college, a student must have completed a minimum of two years of college (pre-med/pre-chiropractic is exactly the same). To practice in Florida, a student must have completed a four year bachelor of science or bachelor degree before entering a chiropractic college. The courses must include a prescribed science content, including biology, zoology, physics, general chemistry, organic chemistry and related lab work.

Chiropractic colleges require four to five academic years of professional resident study,

including clinical experience under strict supervision. Curriculum includes no less than 4,200 hours of classroom, laboratory and clinical experience - all aimed at preparing the doctor of chiropractic to be a primary health care provider.

Like medical doctors, doctors of chiropractic are extensively trained in the healing sciences. Indeed, in some areas, such as anatomy, physiology, rehabilitation, nutrition and public health, they receive more intensive education than their MD counterparts.

The first two years of professional study emphasize life sciences, health sciences and clinical disciplines. The remaining two to three years stress practical or clinical studies dealing with diagnosis and treatment



Bernard Stern, D.C.

of human disorders with about half the time spent at outpatient clinics. Courses include differential diagnosis, anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, microbiology, pathology, gynecology, pediatrics, geriatrics, radiology, spinal analysis and a host of other subjects.

Fully accredited chiropractic

colleges are strategically located across the United States, as well as England, Canada, and Australia. They are well equipped with extensive libraries, laboratories, and public clinics. The Council on Chiropractic Education and its Commission on Accreditation are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the sole authority on training offered by Chiropractic colleges. In addition to teaching, the colleges are actively involved in research and in the life of the communities in which they are located. Chiropractic colleges are currently engaged in cooperative research, teaching, graduate and residency training agreements with state universities across the country.

The colleges also offer post graduate and continuing education programs in fields ranging from sports injuries and occupational health to orthopedics and neurology, allowing doctors of chiropractic to specialize.

The patient benefits from all this training by receiving high quality, professional health care. In addition, the chiropractor teaches the patient how to lead a healthy lifestyle and maintain a high level of physical well being (adding life to your years). The personalized care they provide and their interest in the total person are reasons why chiropractic care rates number one in patient satisfaction.

Seeing is believing: People of all

Attitudes? College grad? Mom or Dad? If you need vision correction at any stage of life, there's a contact lens for you. Today, new contact lens materials and designs enable almost everyone who needs vision correction to "gain an edge," whether they're competing on the playing field or in a career field.

Currently more than 28 million people in the United States wear contact lenses on a regular basis. According to John Monaco, Chairman of the Contact Lens Council, today, there is a safe, comfortable and effective option for almost everyone. "The industry is constantly striving to develop products and product enhancements that match a wide range of needs and lifestyles," notes Monaco. "We want contact lenses to enable Americans to live

active, healthy lives."

Teenagers and GenXers, many of whom need vision correction for the first time, will find contact lenses ideally suited to their active, fashion-conscious lifestyle. "Contact lenses can enhance appearance, while providing better depth perception and enhanced peripheral vision, a tremendous advantage for young adults who love sports," explains Monaco.

Women of every age will discover that today's contact lenses can help them create their own individual "look." According to Monaco, contact lenses are the ideal vision correction option for women who don't want to hide or distort the natural appearance of their eyes. "The new tinted or colored lenses available today also allow women to enhance their appearance by subtly or dramatically changing the color of

their eyes," notes Monaco.

"Mothers, as well as fathers, who are beginning to see (or not see) the signs of presbyopia, or "aging eye," will discover that a variety of lens types can meet their special needs. "Every baby boomer should consult with his or her eye care professional to find the design that best matches their work and lifestyle," explains Monaco.

The Contact Lens Council offers free information on the safe wear and care of contact

lenses. For more information, current and potential wearers can call the CLC at their toll free information line, 1-800-884-4CLC, or they can access the CLC's Internet web site at www.iglobal.com/CLC/.

The Contact Lens Council is a non-profit organization which serves as an educational resource on vision correction, and is devoted to promoting the safe use of contact lenses. The CLC is sponsored by Alcon Laboratories, Allergan Optical,

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Don't vote color

"I'm calling in regards to the upcoming election in Belle Glade. As a concerned citizen I have quite a number of concerns and one of them is that a lot of the people I have spoken to seem to have the wrong opinion about voting in Belle Glade that day.

I say that because I don't believe we should elect an individual based upon their color, white or black. I believe the criteria should be the qualifications, interest, ability, time the person will be able to spend to see about the concerns of the City of Belle Glade and the knowledge to research and negotiate on behalf of the city.

One should not want to become a public official for the purpose of getting a title. Do not vote for anyone because he or she is black. Do not vote for anyone because he or she is white.

Vote for the person you believe is willing and could do the very best for the city."

no expense to the city."

Caller defends Lester Finney

"I'm calling in response to the **Speak Out** caller last week regarding Lester Finney, who is running for Belle Glade City Commission. To the person who called: Why are you putting Finney down? What kind of grudge do you have against Finney?

I don't know what kind of business Finney is running, but at least he has his own. So what if he is a child of God? And who are you to judge?

While he is trying to make this community a better place, what are you doing?

If you feel Finney is not a good candidate, then why don't you run for a seat? If you are running for a seat, with an attitude like that, you're already lost.

Thank you."

Palm Beach County - Just what are you trying to prove?

"On occasion I travel from Belle Glade to Clewiston. I noticed some time ago when the speed limits changed here in the county that some locations did not increase the posted speed, one area being from South Bay to the Hendry County line.

What aggravates me is that you have to drive 55 m.p.h. On top of that the 65 m.p.h. zone lasts for about one mile because then you are entering the city limits of Clewiston.

Why is it that you must drive 55 m.p.h. for a 15 mile stretch and then are able to drive 65 m.p.h. for the remaining one mile?

Now if Palm Beach County and the Florida Highway Patrol are out to make money, they probably are. But in my opinion all they're doing is making themselves look bad. It's a shame that certain areas are set up for speed traps.

If the county thought that 65 m.p.h. was too fast for this particular area why did they increase the speed limit to 65 m.p.h. from the court house in Belle Glade to West Palm Beach? The road from South Bay to Clewiston is less congested than the one from Belle Glade to West Palm.

I became even more upset when a friend of mine told me that the Florida Highway Patrol ticketed him for doing 65 m.p.h. when he was right there at the 65 m.p.h. sign. He said the officer stated he had not yet entered the 65 m.p.h. zone and thus should receive the ticket. This is uncalled for. This is why a lot of motorists do not have faith in the law anymore because of stuff like this.

I do hope that whoever is in charge of regulating the speed limits in this county will check into this because this "Speed Trap" is uncalled for.

Thank you for allowing me to **Speak Out**."

Is it rumor or truth?

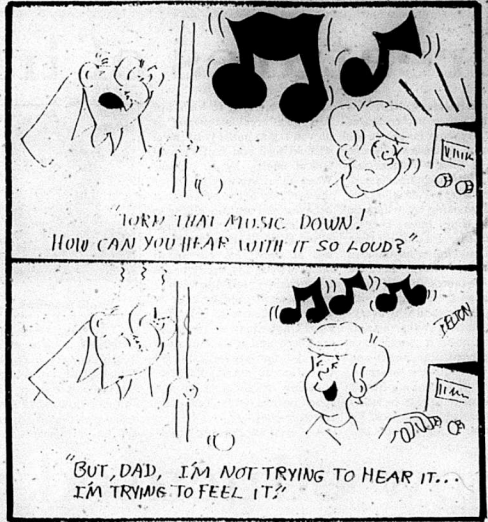
"There's a rumor going around town that the present city commissioners are letting some private people get the concession stand at Mace Park and keep the money from the concessions. Can you confirm this?

Somebody said they'd called **Speak Out** before and you all didn't respond to their call. If you can't respond to it maybe we can go to a city commission meeting and find out for sure.

We would like for you to respond. Do your duty and find out."

Editor's note: We have had some problems at times with our **Speak Out** line, but I can not recall ever getting a **Speak Out** on this subject. We contacted Belle Glade City Manager Lomax Harrelle. The following is his response to your concern. Thank you for **Speaking Out**.

"In response to the **Speak Out** concerning the concession stand at Mace Park, the Glades Youth Baseball League manages the youth league as well as the concession stand. Staffing the concession stand would be a considerable expense to the city. The league's willingness to assume this responsibility makes it possible for this service to be provided to the community at



College students can plan ahead to avoid insurance pitfalls

By Bill Nelson

State Treasurer & Insurance Commissioner

The lifelong adventure of learning hits full stride when young people leave home to attend a college, university or graduate school. As parents who in the past few years have seen our two children enter college, my wife Grace and I know it's a challenging time for the whole family, but a word of caution is in order: in all the excitement, don't neglect to consider insurance.

During their high school years, most students are covered by their parents' insurance policies. This may change, however, when the student pursues a higher education. Families should consult a trusted insurance agent before the start of each academic year to discuss automobile, health and personal property insurance needs.

Automobile coverage changes

A family auto policy that covers a high school student generally will provide the same coverage when the student attends college in the United States or Canada.

If a student suffers an accident while driving another person's vehicle, however, the owner's insurance company will provide the primary coverage up to that policy's dollar limits. The family's insurance company will provide secondary coverage, if necessary, up to their policy's dollar limits. Students who lend their car thus also "lend" their insurance.

Some insurance companies offer "student away at school" discounts when a young driver covered by a parent's policy attends college away from home without a car. Parents should check with their insurance agent about this possibility.

Health care needs

Before the advent of managed care, most families obtained coverage for their medical needs through health insurance policies. Parents thus knew their college-age children had coverage for injuries or illnesses.

Today, many families belong to a health maintenance organization, which provides full coverage only within specific geographic service areas. These families should check to see if their HMO covers the area where their child will attend college. If so, the HMO can help the student find a primary-care physician in that area.

Other options include the purchase of a major medical policy or a student health policy offered through the college or university.

Personal property coverage

A student's clothing, computer equipment and other possessions typically cost a lot of money to replace if damaged, destroyed or stolen.

A homeowner's insurance policy automatically covers students temporarily living away from home in college dormitories. However, most insurance companies limit this coverage to 10 percent of the personal-property coverage provided by the parents' policy. For example, parents who buy \$40,000 of such coverage will also have \$4,000 of coverage for their child in college.

A student who needs more than 10 percent of his or her parents' coverage or who lives in an off-campus apartment may need to buy a renter's policy.

Parents of a student who owns expensive computer equipment should consider adding a "rider" to their homeowners policy that addresses more situations than covered by a basic homeowner's or renter's policy.

In addition to contacting their insurance agent, parents or students may obtain information by calling the Florida Department of Insurance Consumer Helpline toll-free at 1-800-342-2762. The hearing impaired may use a TDD to call 1-800-640-0886.

You also may call the Helpline to obtain free consumer guides about homeowners, health or automobile insurance, or HMOs; or browse the Department's website at: www.doi.state.fl.us for more information.

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A glance back through time



THE TEMPERATURE WAS RISING at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce in 1973 as board members conducted a membership drive to recruit new businesses into the chamber. Do you recognize any of these faces from 24 years ago?



GLADES DAY SCHOOL'S RICHARD SCHMIDT is presented the Outstanding Assistant Coaches Award by Tommy Bowden, head football coach at Tulane University in Louisiana at the Florida Athletic Coaches' Association clinic held in Daytona. Bowden is the son of FSU Coach Bobby Bowden.

Photo by Carol Schmidt

GDS Asst. Coach Richard Schmidt honored as Outstanding Assistant Coach

When a school builds a strong sports program, usually it is the head coach who gets the kudos and recognition when a team has a winning season. That was not the case this summer when Richard A. Schmidt of Glades Day School was honored as one of Florida's Outstanding Assistant Coaches at the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Clinic held in Daytona Beach.

Criteria for the award include years of service, number of sports coached, and success of the teams at the district

regional, sectional and state levels.

Schmidt was nominated for the award by former head football coach and present headmaster Mandy Perez.

"Dick has done an outstanding job in coaching at GDS," said Perez. "He and I worked together with (former head coach) Byron Walker through eight state title games, of which we won four, and then he was by my side in our past three trips to the state championship games (winning one). I felt he was truly deserving of

the honor."

Schmidt, who has been a teacher and coach at Glades Day School for the past 24 years, is also the athletic director. In addition to coaching JV football and assisting the varsity, he is the assistant varsity baseball coach and has recently been named head coach for varsity boys' basketball. He resides in Belle Glade with his wife, Carol, and two children, Wayne, who is a student at the University of Florida, and Monica, who is attending Palm Beach Community College.

Sorority travels to West Palm for July meeting

Xi Zeta Mu held their monthly social at the Roadhouse Grille in West Palm Beach, July 19th.

The members spent the

morning at the South Florida Fairgrounds, then held a surprise luncheon for member, Laurel Tarr, who was celebrating her 40th birthday.

Those attending were: Greade York, Sara Phillips, Linda McMillan, Laverne Motes, Laurel Tarr, Judy McMillan and Karen Corbin.

Glades area schools first to receive Health Care District nurses

All public schools in Palm Beach County's Glades area will have a school nurse in September. As part of the Palm Beach County Health Care District's \$4 million effort to place a nurse in every public school in palm beach county, the Glades area schools will be among the first to receive nurses. The Health Care District plans to hire approximately 100 nurses to ensure that all Palm Beach County's public schools have a school nurse in place by the end of 1997.

In placing the first group of school nurses, the Health Care District used a combination of weighted criteria: number of medically fragile students in school, number of students on the free and reduced school lunch plan, and number of school nurses already in the

area. According to the rating system, the Glades area schools rank among the top 30 or top 25 percent of all Palm Beach County public schools. Tim Henderson, project manager for the implementation of the Health Care District's School Health Program, says, "The Health Care District is proud to be a part of such a worthwhile program."

The Health Care District's School Health program is the result of a collaborative involving several organizations: palm beach county health department, the Palm Beach County School District, the Quantum Foundation, Florida Atlantic University School of Nursing, and area hospitals including Palms West Hospital, Boca Raton Community Hospital,

Columbia Hospital, Good Samaritan Medical Center and Delray Medical Center. The collaborative has spent the past three months developing a program to ensure a full-time school nurse will be located in every public school in Palm Beach County by the end of 1997.

The district is an independent special taxing district responsible for planning, funding and coordinating health care and trauma services for the resident so Palm Beach County. It accomplishes this through provision of a managed health care program, administration of the Palm Beach County Trauma System (Trauma Hawk), and works in cooperation with local organizations to make health services available.

Miss Grassy Waters Contest planned

Pahokee Main Street announces its first annual Miss Grassy Waters contest to be held at the Prince Theater on Nov. 15. The \$100 entry fee may be furnished by a business who wishes to sponsor a contestant. Young ladies ages 16 to 18 who live in Pahokee or Canal Point will compete for the title. Winners will be eligible for prizes and scholarships and will reign the following weekend during activities of the annual Grassy Waters Festival.

"If your business is contacted by one of the young ladies of our community and asked to be a sponsor, please consider carefully this worthwhile activity. The winner will receive scholarships that will help to further their education. You may be a key to their future success," said Diane Walker, committee chair.

Other committee members are Janelle Letherman and Sandra Suggs. Volunteers are also needed to help with the many preparations necessary

for a venture of this magnitude.

Applications and contest rules may be picked up at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce or Addie Greene's office at the corner of Lake Avenue and East Main Street or you may request an application be mailed to you.

Call the Main Street office at 924-6332 and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. The application will be mailed after Labor Day, Sept. 2.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 668 complaints and worked 19 crime scenes the week of August 18-24. Those arrested included:

August 18 - Eric George Wint, 37, opposing and obstructing a law enforcement officer.

August 19 - Kenneth Rumph, 33, burglary and petty theft; **Catherine Weisner**, 22, domestic battery.

August 20 - Gary Miller, 25, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

August 21 - Samuel Louis Grant, 33, burglary, petty theft; **Corithian Durham**, 19, three counts of uttering a forged instrument, two counts of forgery and petty theft; **Juvenile**, 15, retail theft; **Albert Lee Miller**, 44, strong arm robbery and retail theft; **Juvenile**, 47, domestic battery.

August 22 - No arrests made.

August 23 - Asencio Talde, 25, domestic battery

August 24 - Terry Lee Willis, 43, resisting arrest without

violence, battery on a law enforcement officer and violation of probation.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know.

We will confirm the information and print it.

Opening today...Palm Glades Rural Health Clinic

Palm Glades Rural Health Associates opens its doors today to serve the community of Belle Glade.

Palm Glades Rural Health Associates will have two physician assistants on staff and will provide services for primary care and urgent care needs, management of medical conditions such as simple coughs and sore throats as well as

high blood pressure and diabetes will be provided. Palm Glades Rural Health Associates will also perform school physicals and immunizations for children.

In addition to accepting Medicaid/Medicare insurance, they accept private pay and other insurances.

A sliding scale fee will also be applied to those who are

financially unable to pay their bills, provided they meet the criteria.

Palm Glades Rural Health Associates is located at 217 West Avenue A, Belle Glade. They are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

They can be reached by calling 992-4888.

Pahokee

The Pahokee Police Department made 9 arrests or issued warrants the week of August 18-24. Those included were:

August 18 - Juvenile, 14, battery on a detention facility employee.

August 19 - Juvenile, 17, aggravated battery with a

deadly weapon.

August 20 - Deontis Peete, 29, petty theft and giving false information to a police officer; **Juvenile**, 16, battery on a detention facility employee.

August 21 - Juvenile, 16, battery on a detention facility employee.

August 22 - No arrests made.

August 23 - Derrick Bowie, 32, domestic battery.

August 24 - Elijah Simmons, 23, loitering and obstructing police; **Juvenile**, 17, loitering an obstructing police; **Juvenile**, 10, burglary and petty

NA and AA support groups offered in area

There are two narcotic anonymous groups that meet in the Glades and new members are always welcome.

Sweet Miracles meets on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 200 N.W. Avenue H, Belle Glade. They have open discussions and speakers.

There is also a RANDA (Pregnant And Addicted) meeting every Saturday at 10 a.m. at the PANDA office, 816 N.W. Avenue D, Belle Glade. This meeting is for women only and is an open discussion meeting. Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 N.W. Avenue G, Belle Glade.

Participation in any of these meetings is strictly confidential. Anyone needing additional assistance or who has questions can call Narcotics Anonymous at 561-848-NANA.



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In the event that a Run-Off Election is necessary on September 16, 1997, testing of the Computer Election Systems automatic tabulating equipment, to be used in the Run-Off Election, will be held on Friday, September 12, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. in the City of Belle Glade Fire Station, 525 S.W. Second Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Engagement News



Miss Phyllis Burchell and Mr. Ronal Jackson

Phyllis Burchell and Ronald Jackson, both of Belle Glade, will exchange vows on August 30 at the St. Paul Church of God in Christ.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Louise Lord of Belle Glade and the groom-elect is the son of Geneva Jackson, also of Belle Glade.

Pastor Elder Brown will officiate at the ceremony.

Miss Burchell is a graduate of Glades Central Community High School and attended Florida Memorial College where she received a degree in Computer Operations. She is employed at Clewiston Health Care Center as an Activity Director.

Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Glades Central Community High School. He is employed at



Miss Ellen Humphries and Mr. Jerry Smith

Jerry Smith and Ellen Humphries will exchange vows on September 20, 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Moore Haven. A reception will immediately follow the wedding.

Miss Humphries is an elementary Physical Education teacher at Gove Elementary School and a basketball coach

at Glades Day School in Belle Glade.

Mr. Smith is self-employed and the music minister at the First Baptist Church in Moore Haven.

Friends and family are invited to share in their joyous union. No invitations are being sent.



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Buss celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Buss, of Ft. Myers, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception held at the New Hope Lutheran Church in Bonita.

A beautiful cake and coffee were served to friends and relatives attending the service. Reverend Rick Canton officiated.

Assisting with the cocktail was their other daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Cal Cearley and their son and his wife, Butch and Nancy Browder.

Mr. and Mrs. Buss enjoy being active in their church. Other favorite pastimes are spending time with their family and growing a vegetable garden.

Xi Beta Tau Sorority holds luncheon in W.P.B.

Xi Beta Tau sorority of Pahokee held their Beginning Day with a luncheon at Binks Forest Country Club on Sunday, August 25. Everyone had a great time sharing summer vacation stories and plans for the coming year.

Attending the luncheon were: Mirna Graydon, Omaidia Milliron, Maria Mills, Tina Provenza, Amy Schick, Sandy Simonsen, Linda Stanley, Alice Thompson, Carlene Walker and Julia Wilkinson.

St. Louis Encephalitis

Recently, the routine testing of sentinel chickens showed that 3 out of 25 chickens had a presumptive test for St. Louis Encephalitis. Confirmatory tests will be conducted early next week to determine if the chickens have been exposed to the virus.

The Palm Beach County Health Department uses sentinel chickens as an early warning system to monitor St. Louis Encephalitis which is transmitted by mosquitoes. The disease can cause mild headaches, dizziness, and flu like symptoms. In rare cases it can cause swelling of the brain, paralysis, and death.

Although health officials are monitoring the situation closely, no official advisory is being made at this time. However, residents are cautioned to avoid mosquitoes especially during evening hours (dusk till dawn) when they are most active. If you are outdoors during this time, it is recommended that you wear long sleeve clothing and use mosquito repellents containing DEET on area of exposed skin. Residents should also ensure that screens and windows are in good repair to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home and containers are emptied of standing water to discourage breeding.

Military News U.S. Navy

August 12, 1997 (FHTNC) - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joe Kyles, son of Diane Kyles of Belle Glade, FL, recently completed a six-day port visit to Corfu, Greece, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, currently on a six-month deployment in the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf.

During the port visit, Kyles and fellow crew members hosted more than 1,000 visitors and completed a community relations project. Sailors and Marines from the carrier painted, repaired and landscaped at the Evangelical Church of Corfu. In addition, they also cleared an acre of land infested with 18 foot high bamboo and thorn bushes for preparations in the construction of a youth center. Kyles' ship's gospel choir also performed for the church's congregation.



Aircraft carriers, like USS John F. Kennedy, are forward-deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors and, if deterrence fails, offer the most versatile and powerful weapons available. Joe Kyles joined the Navy in July 1990.

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- ### Leora Vivian Prevatt
- born on July 7, 1929, in Manatee, Florida; died Saturday, August 23, 1997, in her home in Belle Glade.

She is survived by: husband - Edwin W. Prevatt; mother - Mary Miller; daughters - Brenda K. Sweeting (Dallas, Texas), Mary Orrilla Foster (West Palm Beach), Emma Harrell Finnecnon; sons - Eddie Prevatt, Jr. (Bradenton, Florida), Jack Preston Prevatt; sister - Jackie V. Septerella (Orlando, Florida); brothers - Frank Miller, Paul Miller and Johnny Miller; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, August 26, at the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade.
- ### Interment was at Port Mayaca Cemetery, Port Mayaca.
- ### Tara Demetree Frost
- born on July 24, 1978, died Monday, August 18 at 12 p.m.

She is survived by: mother - Mary Alice Davis; sister - Shantika Thomas; brothers - John McGehee, Anthony Frost and Joseph Smith, Jr.; grandmother - Elizabeth Wright (South Plainfield, New Jersey); aunts - Alma Gilmore, Verdie Watts (Gary, Indiana).

The funeral service was conducted Saturday, August 23, at Pahokee Church of God. Pastor Bishop Bud Mickins officiated. Interment was at Foreverglades Cemetery.
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Growers look to blueberries for new cash crop

By Sylvia K. Beauchamp

Gainesville. The conventional wisdom that says blueberries belong up north with apples and peaches is being turned on its head by University of Florida researchers.

Blueberries do, after all, like it hot.

In a three-year trial, a researcher at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences has shown that blueberries can survive - actually thrive - in South Florida's heat.

"The trial went even better than I ever thought it would," said Associate Professor Thomas Obreza, of the UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee.

Obreza used varieties developed for use in the southeastern United States but never before tried in South Florida. The plants grew well, produced a large quantity of fruit and the quality was high, he said.

That's good news for Ken Patterson, president of the Florida Blueberry Growers Association.

"We always knew more people would grow blueberries if they were more heat tolerant," Patterson said. "Per capita blueberry consumption goes up every year, so interest in growing them is going up."

There are bucks in berries, too. Florida's blueberries already ripen at a time when they are the only fresh blueberries available in the world. Obreza's trial blueberries ripened even a little earlier, meaning South Florida berries could command top dollar.

Florida's earliest berries now come in around April 1 and sometimes bring prices up to \$10 a pound. In contrast, berries that come in around May 1 draw only \$5 a pound.

Obreza said blueberries normally require a "chilling" dormant period like they get in traditional blueberry regions such as Michigan and New Jersey. No one ever tried growing them in subtropical South Florida.

"Now we are very optimistic that this is a crop that could work down here," Obreza said. "Since our berries would be the earliest of all, there's a lot of potential for expansion."

Obreza said blueberries provide a lot of production off small acreage, with a 10-acre plot considered large. Their eight-week harvest season

leaves time for growing other crops along with blueberries, although the plants require care throughout the year.

UF/IFAS scientist Paul Lyrene, a blueberry breeder, said blueberries are a relatively new crop but consumer demand for them is booming.

"The notion of growing blueberries is less than 100 years old, and in Florida, we've only been growing them since about 1960," Lyrene said. "It took a while for the market channels to develop but worldwide, there's been a tremendous increase in interest in growing blueberries."

The health benefits of eating blueberries have contributed to their popularity, Lyrene said. Blueberries contain antioxidants, which slow the development of cancer and reduce blood-clotting that can lead to stroke and heart attack.

Consumers also like blueberries' shelf life which is longer than other berries. And, blueberries are the only small fruit crop that can be harvested by machine for the fresh market, Lyrene said, making them attractive to growers.

Two varieties released by UF for the upcoming growing season should be a particular boon for the blueberry industry in North Florida, Lyrene said. Star and Southmoon produce flavorful berries and ripen only 60 days after flowering, Lyrene said.

"These varieties are better because of the excellent quality the berries have after being shipped across the country and held on the grocery shelf for 10 days," Lyrene said. "The ability to maintain quality under these conditions is a prerequisite for having a successful international market for Florida fruit."

"If these two new varieties yield well, they would greatly reduce the cost of producing blueberries in Florida, which would cause a rapid expansion of the acreage in the state," Lyrene said.

Patterson, of the Blueberry Growers Association, said he is looking forward to the new varieties and the continuing research in Immokalee on varieties for South Florida.

"We have 2,000 acres planted now and we are ranked fifth among blueberry-producing states. Who knows how much we could grow," Patterson said. "We are really getting on track."

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Additionally, in nursing degrees conferred nationwide, PBCC placed eighth and fifth in Florida in health professional and related sciences, the College ranked tenth overall and fourth in the state.

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Illiteracy: A functional problem

By Charles L. Singleton,

Ed.D., Education

One of the major social and education problems facing many Americans today is illiteracy - lacking or not developing the ability to read and write. Also, the present global-technological reality has tremendously increased the need for individuals to learn specific communications skills in order to function effectively in a modern society. Author Thomas Armstrong, in his book, *"Seven Kinds of Smart"* 1993, stated that there were 20 million adults that could read "menus, signs, or other simple printed matter." In addition Armstrong indicated that 40 million Americans could only read at the fourth grade level.

Meanwhile, according to the Office of Technology Assessment (OAT), over 35 million adults can only function at a minimal level (of job performance) in their work (The Internet Division: Vetrol Data Systems 1997). And recently, Washington Literacy Council reported that 60 percent of America's prison population are illiterate; and that functionally illiterate adults cost various governmental agencies a combined total of \$224 billion dollars per year - e.g., remedial educational programs, workers' inadequate job performance, lost wages and taxes, a staggering increase in criminal activity, "Illiteracy and Crime-Cause and Effect" Solutions, Issue 5 (The Association for Better Living and Education [ABLE] 1997).

In ABLE's article, *Illiteracy: Everyone Suffers*, it was said that a great number of America's youth do not have basic skills in reading, writing and conversational English, and communications technology. ABLE published the following statistics (National Assessment on Education Progress [NAEP] on Education illiteracy among our children and youth: (1) "Only 30 percent of 4th and 8th graders and 36 percent of 12th graders scored at or above the 'proficient' level in reading." (2) The United States Department of Education Observed that seventy-five percent adults cannot understand the main idea of a newspaper editorial; nor suc-

cessfully use a bus schedule. (3) The NAEP - 12th grade status summary - projected that 48 percent of African-Americans and 42 percent of Hispanics in 1994 fell below "basic" reading standards. (4) NAEP's research (in grades that were evaluated) found that only 10 percent of African-Americans and 16 percent of Hispanics students scored at or above the acceptable proficiency level in reading.

Once again, illiteracy is our problem. Parents, educators, students, advocates for lifelong learning, and politicians must continually work together to solve it. Our youngsters can learn how to read, comprehend, and study. First, today's parents must spend more "quality" time with their children. Parents and guardians (working adults) of young people must start taking their uniforms (work clothes or costly garments), company's name tags and beepers off before sitting themselves down at the "kitchen table." Now, while you are out of the uniform, change job roles for understanding your child's interest; and please try to become a better father, mother, daddy, mommy, (parent), instead of staying in the wheel of being lawyer, company manager, doctor, sanitation worker, minister, painter, computer expert, truck driver, etc.

Second, educators must be retrained in the art of teaching (e.g. L. Ron Hubbard's Study Technology; improve individualized instruction; continuous "on the job training" for student teachers and experienced educators). As a point of reference, educators Dennis Sparks and Stephanie Hirsch believe that a "new vision" for staff development must be strongly implemented to enhance student learning. According to Sparks and Hirsch, "Gone are the days when teachers were the primary and passive recipients of 'sit and get' training. Effective staff development is

targeting EVERYONE who affects student learning, and the total organization - not just the individual - is improving through multiple forms of learning." *"A New Vision for Staff Development"* (Sparks and Hirsch 1997). Third, students must realize that they must WORK HARD to achieve and maintain success. Fourth, politicians and advocates for lifelong learning must continue to support both innovative and traditional programs in education.

Certainly, if we (mankind) can travel to other worlds, and also communicate with the Sojourner spacecraft - Pathfinder rover-on the planet Mars, "Scooby Doo," I strongly feel that a genuine pathway can be found to help eliminate illiteracy here on EARTH. By th way, and we do have the human resources to help every girl and boy - women and man- to excel technologically, and to learn the basic skills of reading, speaking and writing!

The Study Technology developed by author and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard, is used world-wide by Applied Scholastics International, now celebrating its 25th Anniversary in the application of this tested and proven solution to illiteracy. The purpose of Applied Scholastics is to provide educators, governments, corporate trainers, community groups, parents and students with the learning tools they need to achieve a world free from illiteracy, where individuals know how to learn and can achieve their chosen goals. To learn more about this educational breakthrough, call Applied Scholastics International at (800) 424-5397.

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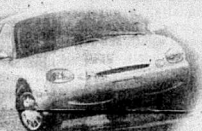
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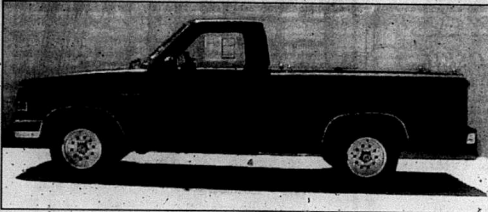
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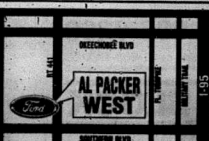
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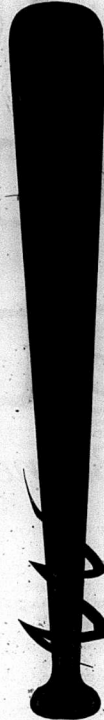
City of Belle Glade's softball coordinator J.D. Patrick presents the 1st place trophy to Allen Miller in B division to Florida Crystals and the B division 2nd place trophy to William Bland of Okeelanta.



Other winners include 2nd place A division tournament was won by P-Funk, Melvin Thomas (l) accepts trophy from J.D. Patrick while Dale Helvey (r) accepts 1st place for LifeBuilders.



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PBCC's Spotlight on the "Fabulous" Glades Campus

By Leigh Woodham,
Manager, Dolly Hand
Cultural Arts Center



Leigh Woodham
What's new at the
"Fabulous" Glades
Campus?

Fall semester is here, enrollment is "fabulous," and it's time to welcome all of those new students and their instructors to the "Fabulous" Glades Campus! It's also time to welcome three "fabulous" new faculty members! Dr. Esther Berry, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, Mohamed Mansour, Assistant Director of

the Learning Resource Center and Tony Slassi, Senior Instructor of Mathematics, have all joined the team that makes the Glades Campus more "fabulous" than ever!

Also new this year are three television courses and an Internet course! From the comfort of your own home, you can take Introduction to Business, Biology and College Composition II...while relaxing on your sofa. Or, if the computer is for you, take Creative Writing over the Internet. FAB-ULOUS!

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nities' continued support, the 1997-1998 series is the DHCAC's gift to YOU with nine shows for just \$99!! WOW!! That's a 26% savings over single ticket prices!! Non-stop entertainment begins on November 15, with the Broadway smash "Five Guys Named Moe" and continues right through May, finishing up the celebration with "A Fabulously Funny Evening".

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The anniversary of a disaster

By Mike Lyons,
Chief Weather Forecaster,
WPBF-TV



Mike Lyons

I never thought nature could be so cruel. I must have said that phrase a dozen times on Monday, August 24, 1992.

At first, I was confused by the images on the television screen. I was, after all, very tired. It had been a long night. So, initially I didn't believe the pictures of destruction were coming from southern Dade county.

That can't be here, I thought. There must be a mistake. The pictures showed home after home destroyed or damaged severely. A hurricane didn't do this. This must be video from a tornado somewhere in the Midwest.

Yet, as I sat in my weather office at WPBF-TV, I slowly came to realize that these pic-

tures WERE originating from Dade county. These were not photographs of a tornado. They were pictures of destruction caused by Hurricane Andrew.

Five years ago this week, Hurricane Andrew shocked all of us as he made landfall in South Florida. It was the third strongest storm in recorded history and the nation's costliest natural disaster. While we never felt the fury of this monster in our part of Florida, Hurricane Andrew has forever changed all of our lives.

Take homeowner's insurance, for instance. Andrew destroyed or destroyed more than 100,000 homes in Dade county and nearly wiped out the entire insurance industry.

Eleven insurance companies went broke after Andrew, while another 30 tried to get out of Florida as quickly as possible. The companies that remain raised homeowners rates a statewide average of 106 percent.

Stronger, tougher building codes are another legacy of Hurricane Andrew. It's important to note that a couple of loose nails didn't cause all that damage in southern Dade county. Andrew was, after all, a very powerful storm.

Still, pre-Andrew building

codes often were not enforced and needed to be upgraded. Today these stricter building codes will help reduce the amount of damage from the next hurricane.

And there will be another hurricane. The next one could be larger and more powerful than Andrew. As bad as it was five years ago this week, it could be worse the next time.

State emergency managers created the "big one" during their annual hurricane drill earlier this summer. Using sophisticated computer models, officials produced a scenario where Hurricane Thor, a computer generated category four hurricane, slammed into South Florida at the Broward-Dade line.

According to the computer model, Thor destroyed or destroyed 225,000 homes, 125,000 businesses, nearly 100 schools and hospitals and left over 300,000 people homeless. Total damage was estimated at \$60 billion, nearly triple Andrew's damage.

Five years ago, we all learned that Mother Nature can be especially cruel. It may not be long before we see her harsh side again.

GFC picks Cindy Roe Littlejohn for legislative liaison post

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) has hired Cindy Roe Littlejohn, 43, to fill the legislative liaison post formerly held by Ken Stivers.

Mrs. Littlejohn, who is a seventh generation Floridian, has 22 years experience in lobbying and association management. She also is a public relations adjunct professor at Florida State University. Before accepting her new post with GFC, Mrs. Littlejohn worked with various associations including the League of Environmental Educators in Florida, Florida Conservation Association, Florida Outdoor Writers Association and Florida Chamber of Commerce.

"I grew up hunting small game and cane pole fishing with my parents and relatives around Monticello," Mrs. Littlejohn said. "I have a varied background that lots of people can identify with, and I also have a business point of view. I'm able to pull the different publics together."

She said that talent will be her most important asset in contributing to the agency's mission...that and an understanding of the legislative process and its importance to effective wildlife and fisheries conservation.

Mrs. Littlejohn earned her Bachelor's degree and completed her graduate studies at Florida State University. She lives with her husband in Tallahassee and has three children, a son who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and is now stationed in Alexandria, VA; a daughter who is a junior at Troy State University; and another daughter who is a senior in high school.

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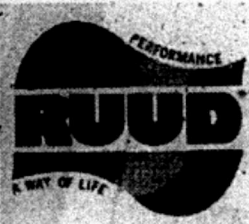
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The Houstons have been involved in real estate, construction and land development since the first James Houston began buying properties here 65 years ago. The Houstons typify the new breed of sophisticated, entrepreneurial franchise owners Dunkin' Donuts management says they are seeking.

"Andrew L. Botwick, the company's regional franchise licensing manager, says, "We're awarding franchises now to those who have both a talent for making customers happy and the management, planning and financial strength to open groups of stores." The Houstons development agreement with Dunkin' donuts calls for the development of at least three shops in their more than 70 mile wide development area. They plan to open a third Dunkin' Donuts shop in the future in the West Palm Beach bedroom community of Wellington.

The Houston's deep roots in Belle Glade led them to believe the shops would do well. "We approached Dunkin' Donuts initially because of an awareness that brand-name businesses in small towns do very well," said James Houston, III, who holds an MBA in finance from Atlanta University. He returned to Belle Glade about four years ago, after his grandfather passed away, to administer the family holdings here, mostly single and multi-unit residential properties. The elder Mr. Houston travels back and forth between Belle Glade and their holdings in Kansas City, Missouri, where another son, Ricardo, manages their 39 commercial and residential properties in that city.

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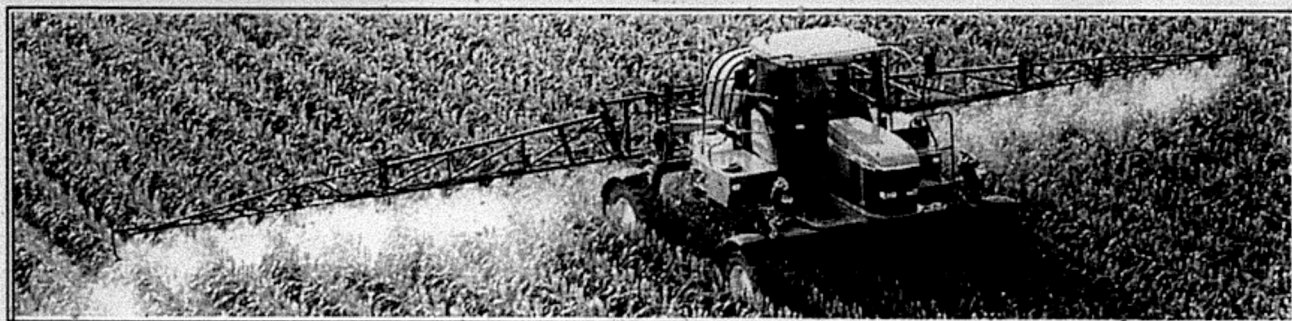
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His character is evidenced by the support and leadership he has exhibited in his own church, in the local schools, and in area service clubs. Among his honors are the Agri-Industrial Man of the Year and Glades Day School's Fan of the Year, which is entirely voted upon and presented by student athletes.

Known by those who have had the good fortune to work closely with him over the many years as a man asking not how little is acceptable, John Schlechter is known for asking what will it take to get the job done. And then, he tackles the task.

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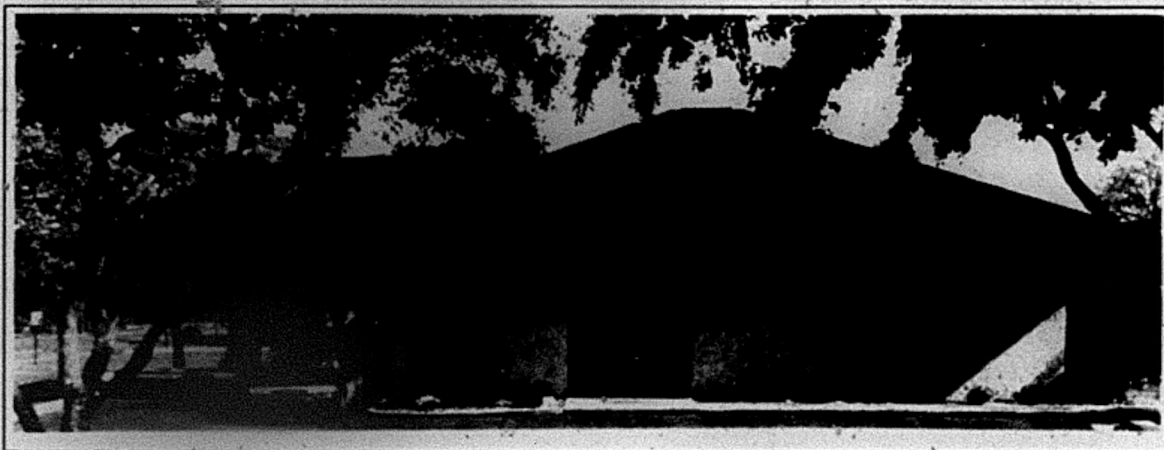


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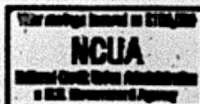
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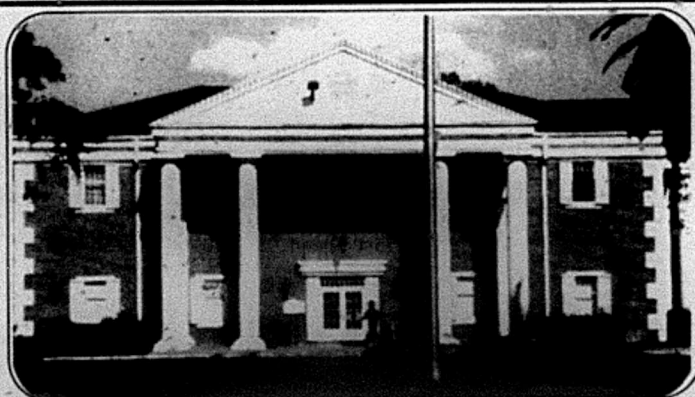
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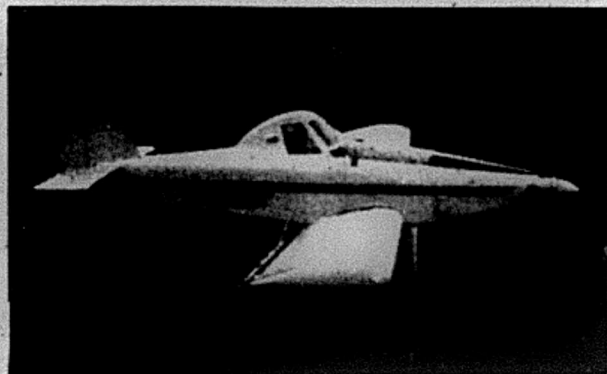
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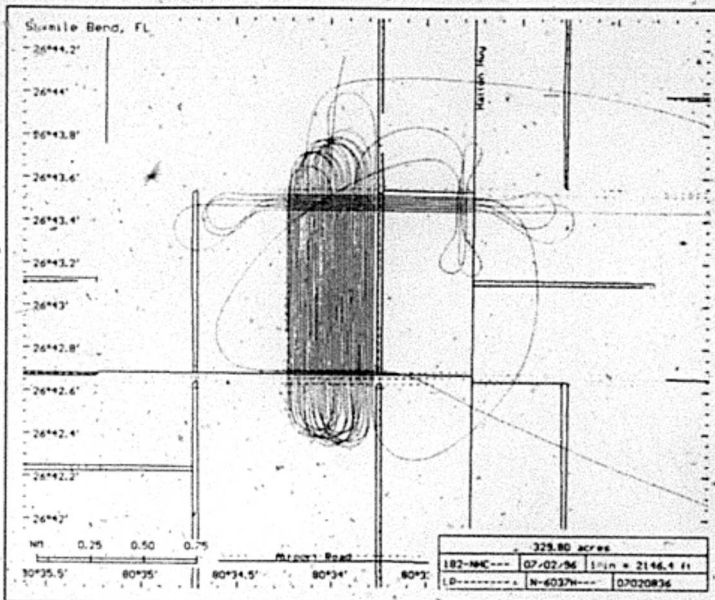
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Physical facilities include 2 science labs, 2 computer labs in the high school building and 1 in the elementary, a cafeteria/auditorium, performing/fine arts facilities (band, glee club and art), and a newly remodeled gymnasium which includes a weight room and trainer's room, athletic fields and an elementary playground.

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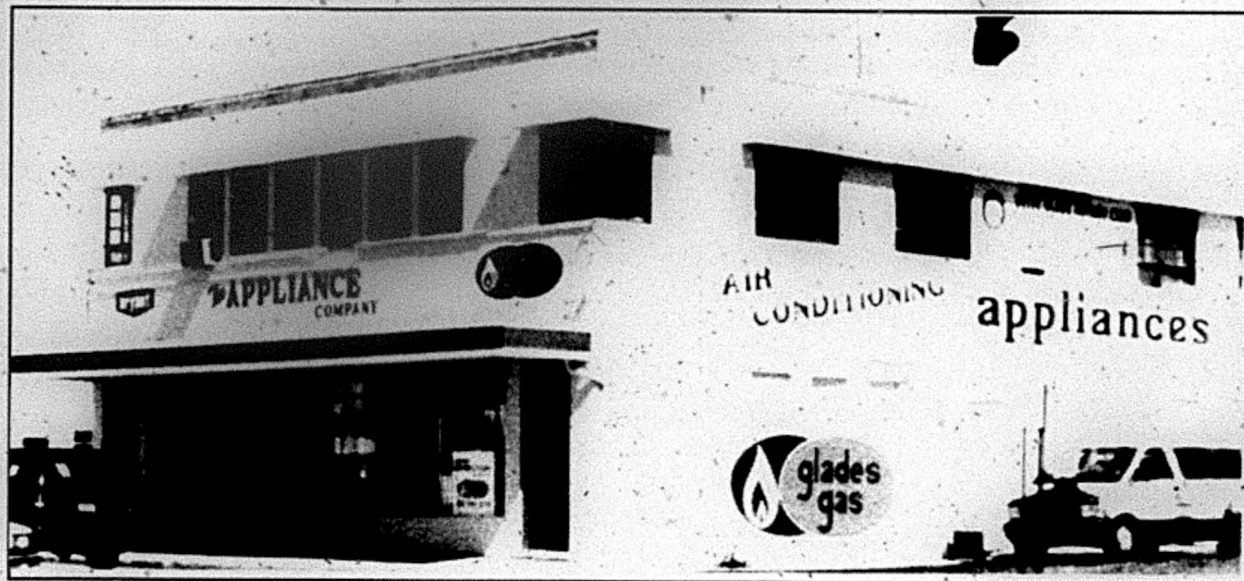
With a football program second to none, the "Fighting Gators" can boast of 4 state championships, most recently the 1995 Class 2A Championship. Additional features that GDS offers include interscholastic athletics (basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, tennis and golf) for boys and girls, Academic Games competition, marching and concert bands, Glee Club, a variety of clubs/organizations, lunch program and bus transportation.

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Robert Alvarez

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Gilberto says his father, Higinio Alvarez, began the business in 1967. He owned his shop beside Thiebaud Insurance on Avenue E, Belle Glade but he soon outgrew that location and he moved to a larger location on Avenue A in 1967. Sons Gilberto and Robert gradually took over their father's business and they moved to their present location at 200 S.W. First Street, Belle Glade, in November of 1985.

Both men put in long hours to make sure their customers are satisfied. The store is open six days a week and during the holiday season they extend their hours to accommodate their local customers.

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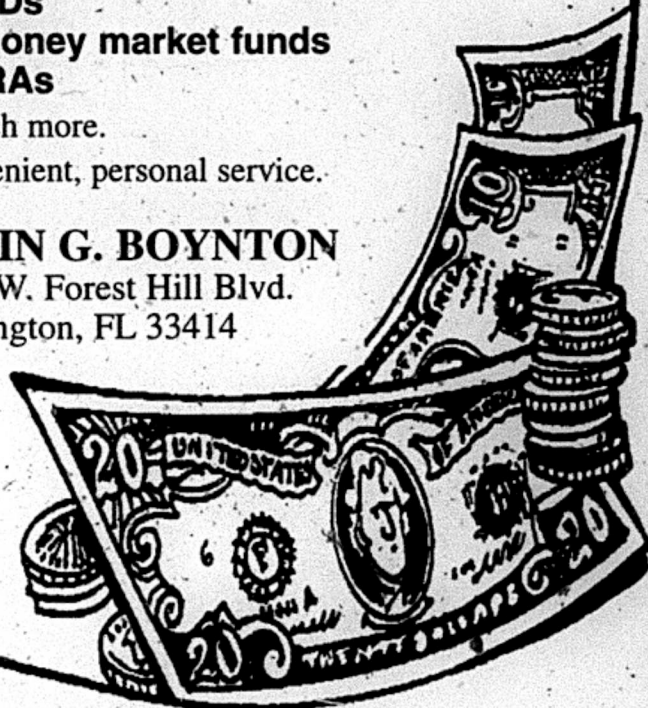
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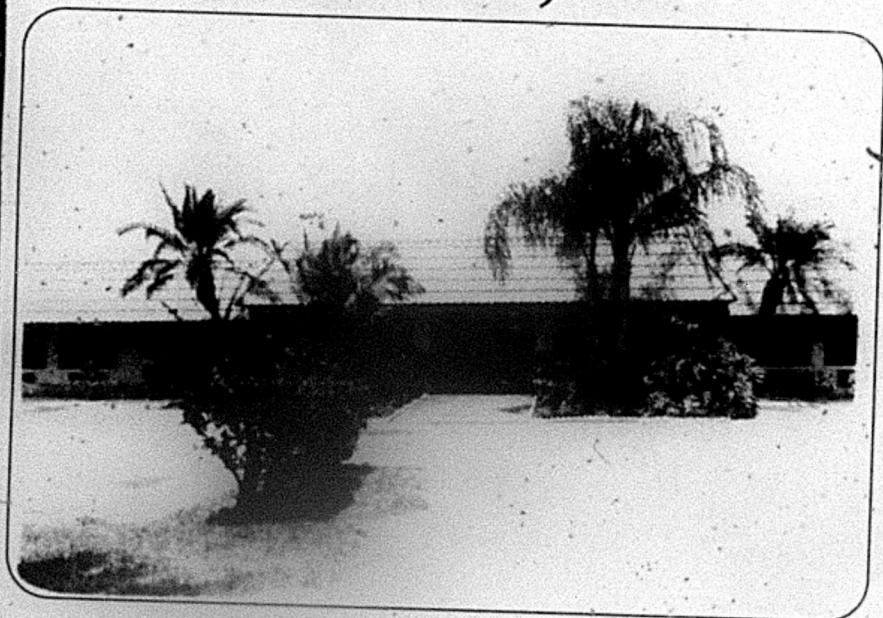
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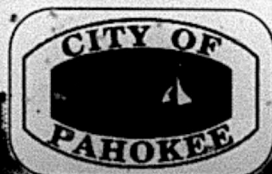
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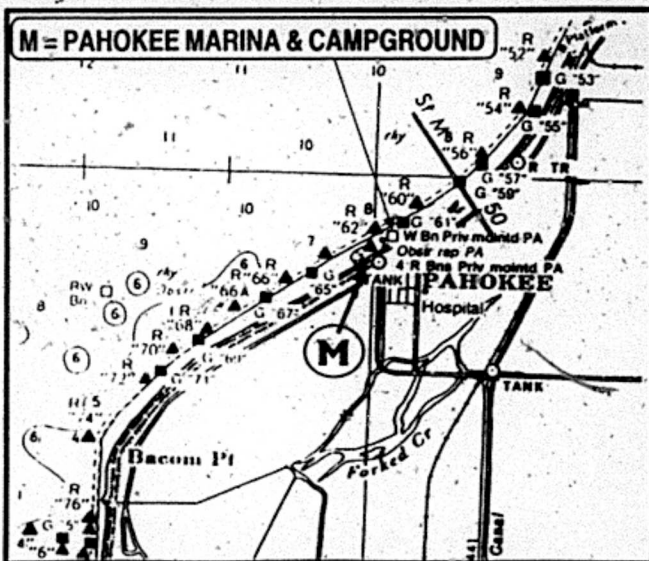
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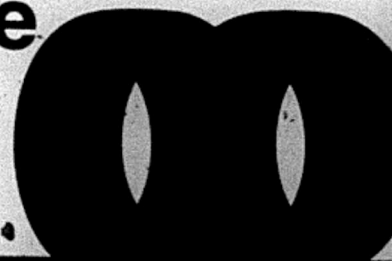
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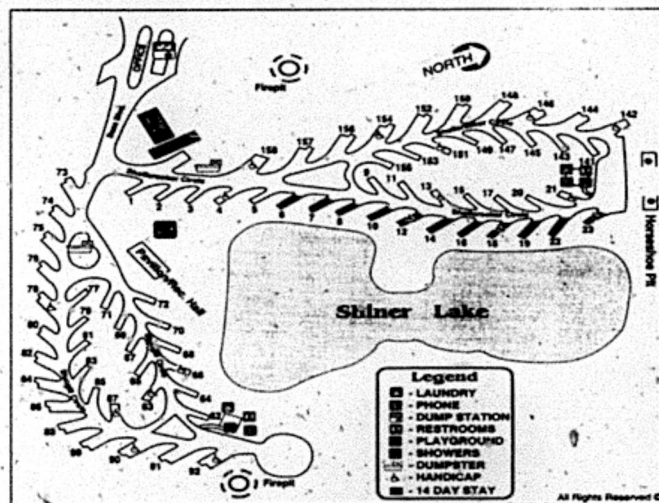
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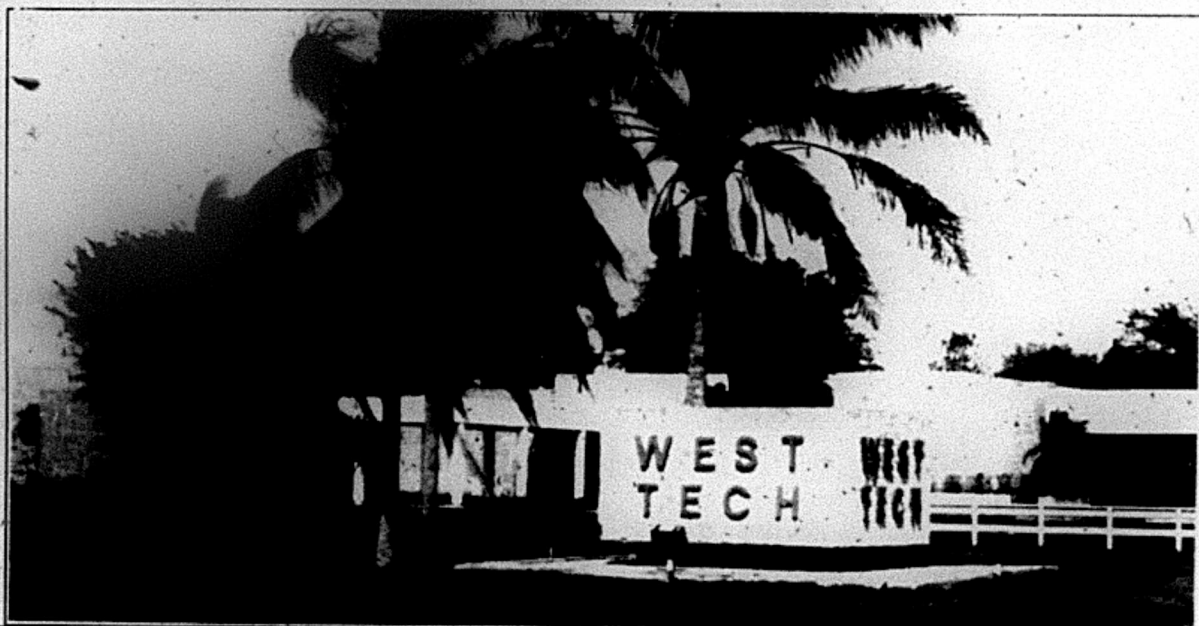
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Serving the Glades since 1981, Moss Towing is owned and operated by Donald Moss at 655 US 27 North, South Bay. Donald took over the business from his father, Terry, who began the towing service in 1954.

"We try to meet the individual needs of each of our customers," says Donald, "because everyone's circumstances are different. When an accident occurs or you are stranded in a foreign area, you want fast, courteous service," he said.

With his fleet of trucks and flatbed trailers, no job is too big or too small.

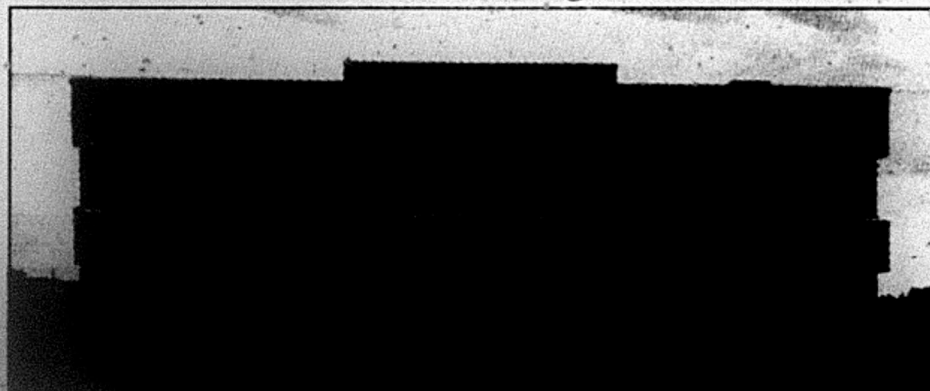
Donald says the business has changed since he first started operating. From just a couple of trucks in the early years, he has diversified his business to include other transportation areas such as fertilizer hauling, equipment moving, and produce handling.

Donald and Lynda Moss are very civic minded and have supported many of the local events and civic activities in the Glades. They also support the local economy by hiring several Glades residents to assist them in their business. In addition to Donald Moss, Owner, there is his wife, Lynda, who is the office manager; Tara Bunting, dispatcher; drivers Donny Moss, Jim Older, Al Doney, Matt Peaden, Jesus Martinez, Ramiro Ramirez, Eugene Fairchild, Joel Negrón, and Ross Lee; Mechanics Danny Young and Craig Crews; and Paint and Body Man Marty Stahl.



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Palms West Hospital has achieved accreditation with commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. This is the highest level of accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission, which is the nation's oldest and largest accrediting body.

"Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance by Palms West Hospital", says Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D., President, Joint Commission. "This organization should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in the community."

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